IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Hiroyuki Osaki Group Art Unit: 2627

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CIRCUMFERENTIAL SURFACE HAVING A GENERALLY FLAT PORTION BETWEEN PEAK PORTIONS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT.

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 22, 2006, Applicant requests the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.